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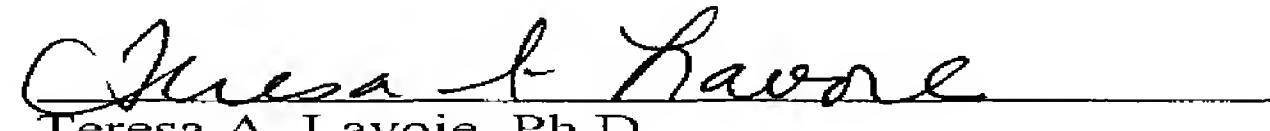
Applicants have herein cancelled claims 1-15 and added new claims 16-29. The amendments serve to clarify the claim language and conform the claims to U.S. practice. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification. Accordingly, claims 16-29 are pending.

In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to include a priority claim. The attached Abstract corresponds to the Abstract that was published in the PCT application. Therefore, Applicants submit that there is no new matter introduced by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of all claims.

The enclosed filing fee takes into account the claims pending following entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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